

17 March 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Blanket Waivers

REFERENCE : Memo (undated) to DCI thru DD/P, DD/S fr O/AS, Comp, C/Plans/FI, C/PP/OPS, subj: "Blanket Waivers."

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1. I am returning herewith the study made by the Task Force on Blanket Waivers of which you were the Chairman. Please note General Cabell's reaction as conveyed by [REDACTED] assemble the Task Force, and take the necessary action.

2. With regard to Dick Helms' qualified concurrence, I do not feel that there is a real inconsistency here. I do not believe that the Task Force intended to convey the impression that the Director should not have the right to authorize blanket waivers without consulting the Deputy Director (Support). Certainly I do not take this position. However, there should be a procedure which will insure that when he does sign a blanket waiver he realizes fully that he may be denying the project valuable aid which Support elements can render and that unless he, personally, makes specific provision therefor in each instance the normal system of checks and balances such as accounting, audit, etc., will not come into play and he, therefore, deprives himself of this assistance and/or protection. It would be perfectly all right with me to amend paragraph 5.a. in order to make it clear that no one is questioning the Director's authority and right to grant a blanket waiver if he so chooses.

3. While General Cabell has not placed any specific deadline on this, I would like to return it to him as early as possible, and in no case later than 23 March.

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L. E. WHITE

1 Att: Referenced Memorandum

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